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Sir:

Applicants received an Office Communication mailed September 12, 2006 with attached PTO-1449 Forms. Applicants respond to the Communication as follows.

The Examiner has returned PTO 1449 Forms originally filed January and February 23, 2004. All of the documents listed on these PTO-1449 forms have already been considered. Copies of the forms as initialed by the Examiner are enclosed to clarify the record. However, the reference JP 2004-294642 filed in the January 28, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement was not considered. Applicants have submitted a copy of the reference, however, the reference is not material with respect to the claimed invention and further consideration thereof is not necessary as a result.

Concerning the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 23, 2004, consideration of two Japanese references, JP 2003-15931 and JP 2002-82775, was requested. However, Applicants previously presented two corresponding U.S. references, U.S. Publication No. 2004/0145538 A1 and U.S. Patent No. 6,752,120 which correspond to JP 2003-15931 and JP 2002-82775, respectively. It is not necessary to have JP 2003-15931 and

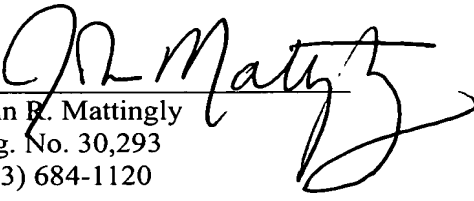
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JP 2002-82775 considered separately from the corresponding English language equivalents, since JP 2003-15931 and JP 2002-82775 are essentially cumulative with respect thereto. Therefore, Applicants withdraw their request to reconsider these references.

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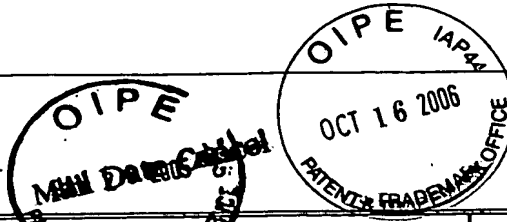
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